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THE PLACE WE CALL HOME

Lookin' for Lost Gold in all the right places . . . they hope!

By M.V. Moorhead

The lure of lost gold runs deep in Josh and Jesse Feldman's blood. At least as deep as their father's, anyway: Ron Feldman became so intrigued with Arizona's legendary Lost Dutchman

mine, first as a kid in Buffalo, N.Y., and later in his youth in Southern California, that he moved here in the late '60s.

"The Lost Dutchman mine is near and dear to my father's heart," explains Josh, the chattier of

the Feldman brothers. "My dad moved to Arizona to hunt for the Lost Dutchman mine...didn't know Arizona, didn't care; just moved here."

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There's gold in them thar' hills — Jesse, left, and Josh Feldman discuss the Jan. 14 launch of their Lost Gold series on the Travel Channel with a friend and Superstition Wilderness enthusiast. The area pair, featured previously in Wrangler News, say preserving history of a legend is their No. 1 goal of the venture. — Billy Hardiman for Wrangler News

Whose job is it to follow doc's healthy-living advice? Yours!

By Sammie Ann Wicks

Ben Franklin's most famous maxim is one that Dr. Matthew Khumalo takes to heart daily: "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure."

"That's just it—it's far better to work toward preventing illness, to be healthy in the first place, than to be faced with curing something."

So says Khumalo of his overarching philosophy of medicine as primary care physician with an office at Tempe St. Luke's Hospital.

"The preventive approach is what I'm all about," said Khumalo, asserting that, even in light of modern medicine's cutting-edge breakthroughs, today's

physicians must look to deepen their approach to patient care.

"It's up to us to incorporate a wider perspective in treating our patients, and for me, that includes a major commitment to coaching," Khumalo emphasized.

For this family practitioner, coaching in one sense means relying on patients themselves to keep detailed records of their own experiences and progress, rather than taking orders from, and relying solely on their doctors.

"I get my patients to keep diaries of what they're doing and feeling," Khumalo said. "I want them to be active participants, to gain knowledge and skills. Then

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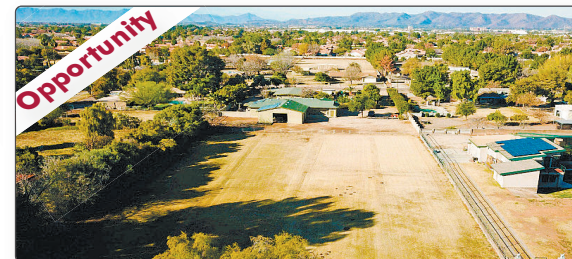
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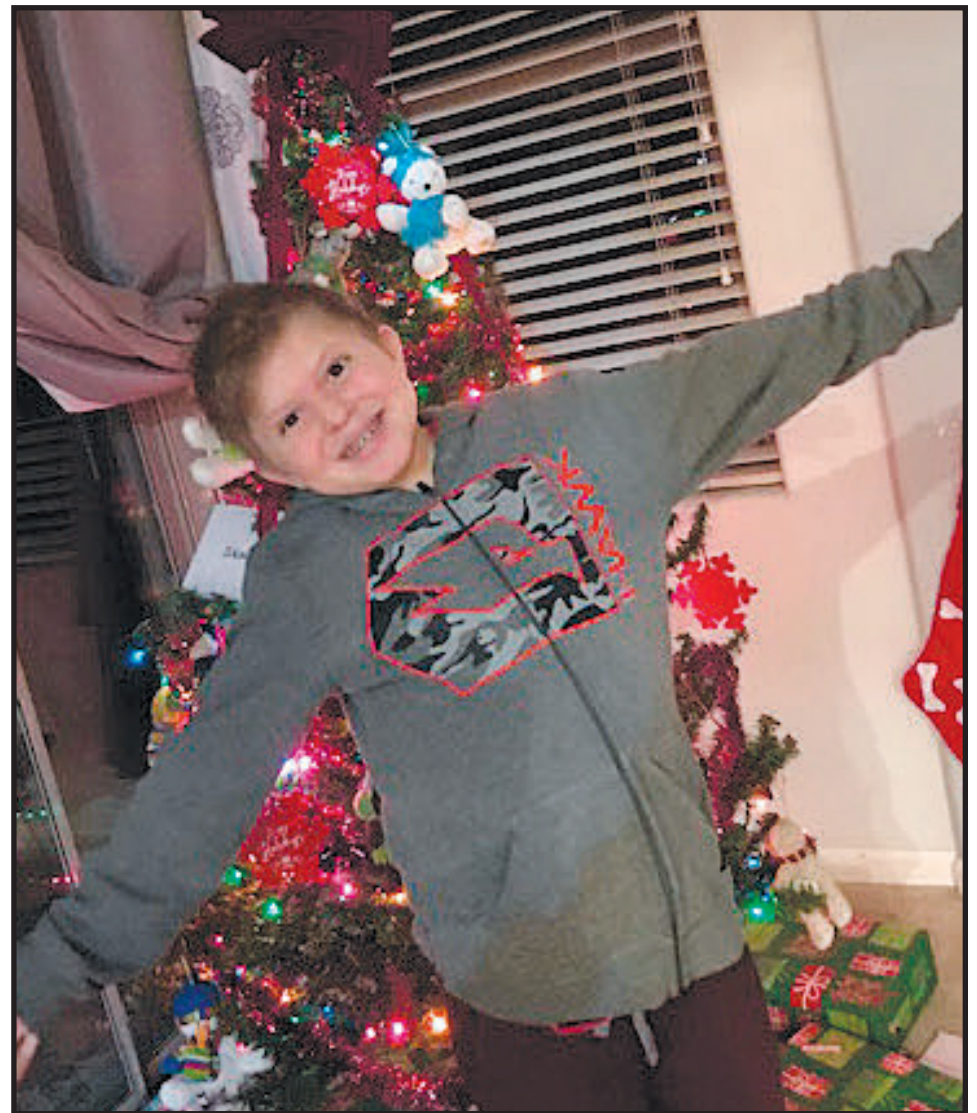
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Thanks to the generosity of an organ donor, Avery Ruiz has a new liver and kidney and is no longer battling a life-threatening condition.

— Photo courtesy Ruiz family

Boy’s survival from dual transplant surgery brightens his, family’s, holiday season

By Diana Nelson

Holiday cheer would not have been possible without hope for the future. It’s that same brand of hope that was found this year in the family of Avery Ruiz, a 14-year-old student at Kyrene Middle School and a transplant survivor of dual-donated organs, a liver and a kidney.

Behind this tale of individual survival is Avery’s family—dad Greg, mom Adrian, brother Aidan— all of them a unified team whose persistence and unfailing support of Avery during his journey back to health helped them to arrive at this year’s holiday season.

“Fortunately, we have a completely different life now,” said Adrian, noting that hardly a day goes by that her son’s survival doesn’t cross her mind.

“Today, as we were heading to the neighbors for a little Christmas open house, Avery said, ‘Remember when we would have to rush home—leave early, so I could get on a machine?’”

Of course the family remembers. “Yes, yes, we do,” she tells the others. “We remember having to leave early everywhere we went, and how Avery had to take numerous pills, experience so many hospital stays—along with life-threatening infections—and so many emergencies. Our wish is that no other family would have to endure these traumas.”

The difference this year is that the Ruiz family is filled with gratitude to the families who choose organ donation.

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Journey

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In the beginning

Avery was first diagnosed with serious health problems at only a month-old, recalls mom Adrian, who noticed that the baby had an extra-large abdomen.

"The pediatrician recommended emergency labs and an ultrasound," she said, because she was suspicious of enlarged kidneys. "Because of the doctor's concern, I immediately went into this dream-like state that I can recall to this day. The Winnie-the-Pooh graphics in the room swallowed me up, as this little baby of mine was now going to be whisked away."

The results of the tests pointed to Autosomal Polycystic Kidney Disease with Chronic Hepatic Fibrosis, which is most likely caused by a chronic recessive gene trait.

"This diagnosis meant my husband and I carried a recessive gene for a disease that we showed no symptoms for, and neither did anyone in our family. Most likely, distant relatives were positive for the disease and had undiagnosed or untreated cardiac issues," said Adrian.

"But we learned very quickly all about kidneys, and the connection between kidney and liver health."

The first transplant

One day, after a shopping trip to a Chandler mall, Adrian arrived home with Avery asleep in his stroller to find his favorite stuffed animal on the kitchen counter and a bag packed.

"We were told to go immediately to Phoenix Children's Hospital, where Avery was first transplanted with a kidney from me," said Adrian.

After the surgery, it was really the first time Avery ate any real food and he was a new, vibrant child at age four. But, regrettably, the transplanted kidney only lasted five years and 45 days.

"Avery came down with a rare form of rejection, called Autosomal Mediated Rejection. He lost the kidney and went on peritoneal dialysis for almost five years.

This was a bridge to what would become his second transplant in 2017.

More surgery for Avery

As the family was preparing for a second kidney transplant, with dad Greg being prepped to donate, Avery suddenly became ill in September 2017. He began bleeding in his intestinal tract and stomach. This became life threatening and the family soon learned he would need a dual-organ transplant of the kidney as well as a new liver—this because Avery's type of kidney disease can also create clutters of cysts on the liver as well, which can damage both of the organs' function.

Avery was in and out of the hospital for several months, missing much of his eighth-grade school year.

Said Avery's mom:

"He was a very sick boy but pushed through with dialysis four days each week. Avery would have to leave school three days per week and then spend most of every Saturday hooked up to a machine. It was heartbreaking and a disruption to a young boy just starting his teenage years. Dialysis is hard on anyone, especially children."

In December 2017, the family chose to seek care at a hospital in California near Stanford University.

"On April 12, we got a call from Stanford about a possible donor," recalls Adrian. "Avery was not compatible with 95 percent of the population due to antibodies. The next day, we received the official word and were on a flight just after 8 a.m. that morning. We were scared to death, elated, relieved and also so unbelievably saddened that another family was going through the devastating loss of a loved one."

But, through an unknown donor, Avery was given a second chance by receiving the gift of new organs.

A welcome home

Family members lived between home and California for nearly three months until July 3, when Avery returned home. He will always need to take medications to prevent rejection.

In addition, he suffers from a rare non-specific immune deficiency and must take infusions once per week. Still, his mother feels blessed by the support of strangers who donated the organs and others who give blood.

"Throughout everything, our best experience has been to meet other families who also received organ donations. It's given us back Avery, who is a totally different kid and living life for the first time."

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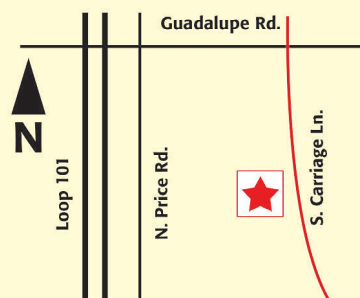
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Chamber rolls out its 2019 welcome mat, unveils goals, strategies ...and plenty of hopes

Story & photo by Noah Kutz

There's no need to look at a calendar. Fitness centers have reached maximum capacity, politicians are boasting about their plans for a productive term, and a collective new-year-new-me mindset has stirred the customary seasonal hustle and bustle.

Yes, it is January, which promises New Year's resolutions and hopefulness for the future.

At a recent event hosted by the Chandler Chamber of Commerce, members met newly elected officials from across Arizona and heard the primary goals and strategies for their terms and for the new year.

Prior to inviting the on-hand politicians to the front of the room, Rick Heumann from the chamber's board of directors joked:

"This is the hardest thing for any elected official: talk about just one or maybe two key issues you're going to focus on this year."

The audience took a collective deep breath, anticipating lengthy pep talks from each of the 50 or so politicians waiting for their chance to speak.

Among them were Chandler's newly elected mayor, Kevin Hartke; Arizona's new superintendent of public instruction, Kathy Hoffman; and Sean Bowie who will continue to serve LD18 in the Arizona Senate.

A leading manager of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce also gave a presentation on the current climate in Washington, D.C., and how it relates to businesses in Chandler.

According to the U.S. Chamber's expectations, Kyrsten Sinema and Martha McSally are two of the most business-friendly senators in their respective political parties. This, chamber planners expect, could help Arizona continue to thrive in an increasingly turbulent business climate.

Among other primary issues that were addressed by each official, tax

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Helen Sheppard is one of TCAA's beneficiaries. She began participating in events at the Escalante Senior Center as a way to visit with and make new friends shortly after she moved to Arizona. It wasn't long after meeting TCAA's home-delivered-meals manager Sheppard decided she'd become an active volunteer with TCAA.

The organization offered her the companionship she was seeking as well as the opportunity to volunteer at a place that helped her take care of some her basic needs like food boxes.

As Sheppard got a little older, she was faced with some medical issues that made it hard for her get around.

That didn't stop her from being able to participate in events and volunteer activities at the Escalante Senior center and TCAA organization because she was able to take advantage of TCAA's transportation solutions.

She said she's grateful the Escalante Center has a busing system dedicated to ensuring the happiness and wellbeing of the seniors they serve. She no longer worries about how she will get to events and activities or how she will get her food boxes.

TCAA offers recreation and exercise, cooking demonstrations, a lunch program and other services to seniors.

Information: tempeaction.org

policy clearly divided the room due to the controversy it brings between Democrats and Republicans, who typically have opposing views on the matter.

J.D. Mesnard, elected as state senator for LD17 and a member of the State Finance Committee, spoke plainly regarding the tax policy in Arizona.

“We have a \$1.1 billion surplus — \$1.1 billion. I don’t know why we would take more of your money when we have a \$1.1 billion surplus.”

Mitzi Epstein, re-elected state representative in LD18, opposed this view, saying the surplus is not over the debt and the responsibilities of the city, which include such things as restructuring bridges and funding public education.

In addition to the introduction of each newly elected official, the chamber unveiled its 2019 edition of “How We Stand,” which serves as a guide for legislative and political issues in the city.

The booklet received a national Award of Excellence from the Association of Chamber of Commerce Executives in 2018, and can be found online at chandlerchamber.com.



The Chandler Chamber of Commerce kicked off the new year with an opportunity for members to meet newly elected public officials such as Chandler Mayor Kevin Hartke.

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New pastor's ministerial 'Epiphany' discovered at age 12



The Rev. Hunter Ruffin has brought new energy and a passion for Christian discipleship to Church of the Epiphany in Tempe.

Story & photo by Joyce Coronel

The Rev. Hunter Ruffin, new pastor of Church of the Epiphany in South Tempe, remembers the day he told his family he wanted to be a priest. "I was 12 years old when I said it out loud," Ruffin recalled. "My mom was standing there with our priest."

That is how Ruffin remembers his first step in a journey that was to lead to many years, many miles and many rewarding opportunities. Including, now, this latest one.

Raised in Mississippi in the Episcopal Church, the 38-year-old Ruffin said he grew up cooking breakfast for his family on Sunday mornings and attending Sunday school. "One of my parents would drive me to the church and drop me off, and then an hour later my parents and my sister would join me for worship."

"I was the kid that always went to church."

His steadfast faith continued through college, when young people are often at risk of falling away from their childhood religious practices. Ruffin attended the University of Mississippi where he earned an undergraduate degree in history and foreign language and literature, followed by a master's degree in international finance.

All through college, he still dreamed of becoming a priest. After stints working for the local, state and national Red Cross, he entered Seminary of the Southwest in Austin, Texas. He was ordained

to the priesthood, in July 2015, at St. Michael and All Angels in Dallas where he went on to serve for two years.

Wrangler News sat down with Ruffin a few weeks after he became rector of Church of the Epiphany, tucked away just west of the Price/101 freeway off Concorda Drive in Tempe. Ruffin's tenure began as a result of longtime-pastor Fr. Ron Poston retiring after 20-some years at the parish.

The tall, blonde-haired priest throws back his head with amusement when asked how the adjustment period is going.

"I've only been here 30 days so who knows how it's going to unfold in the future." But then he pauses. "People have been very welcoming, very hospitable and very open to hearing new ideas," Ruffin said. "So far it's going pretty well."

Peter Crane, senior warden and head of the vestry, akin to a church board, has been a parishioner at Epiphany for 34 years. The search for a new pastor, he said, began last February when members of the church met to discuss what they would want in a new rector. A search committee was formed and a nationwide search began. From nine candidates, the slate was whittled down after Skype interviews. Three finalists emerged.

All were flown in to meet with the vestry during the sultry days of July and August. "We figured (they) ought to know what they're coming to," Crane said.

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off candidates or would it fail to deter a heavenly outcome?

Ruffin was ultimately selected by the group. Crane called him “young, energetic and tech savvy,” citing Ruffin’s background in administration and management of a non-profit.

So after Poston’s long reign at the church, would the congregation take to the new leadership?

“I can’t say it’s 100 percent—there’s always somebody grumpy—but there is near universal acceptance. There’s excitement,” Crane said. “He’s making some small changes here and there just to let us know things are different.”

John Burger has been singing in the choir since he joined Epiphany 34 years ago. He’s also served two stints on the vestry. Ruffin’s leadership, Burger said, is a “breath of fresh air” that has brought new energy to the church.

“He’s very proactive and up-to-date. The community has embraced him and the whole church is very enthusiastic about moving forward with Fr. Hunter.”

For his part, Ruffin lauded the strengths of the church, including the volunteer music ministry. “It’s phenomenal actually—they have great voices and are just really talented musicians in their own right.”

There’s a “good energy” at the church on Sunday mornings, he said.

“The people who go to church here really love their church.” With about 215 active members, most have been there for many years.

“The spirit of this community is one of joy, and that’s a huge gift to be celebrated,” Ruffin added. “I think there’s a real hunger for moving even more fully into some other directions in living out the call of discipleship.”

In that vein, Ruffin said “journeying the way of love as taught by Jesus Christ” has been a focus of the direction the parish is moving. “We can change the world, but only when we put the love of God made known in the Christ at our center and by making that our model for living in God’s creation.”

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Chandler among best for people with disabilities



By Sammie Ann Wicks

For many of us, strolling down a city sidewalk or crossing the street to go to our favorite restaurant are things we take for granted, but these seemingly simple everyday maneuvers aren't that easy for people with disabilities.

According to WalletHub, a financial website that produces state and local rankings on a number of topics, the city of Chandler has been ranked among the best places to live for those with disabilities.

WalletHub compared some of America's most populated cities across 31 key indicators of disability-friendliness, including physicians per capita, park accessibility and rate of workers with disabilities. Chandler ranked 11th out of 182 cities, ahead of communities such as Minneapolis (#12), Denver (#14), San Diego (#28) and Portland (#30).

"At least in part, I think this high ranking demonstrates the success that the city has had in creating infrastructure and in developing programs that are effective for people with and without disabilities," said Jason Crampton, Chandler's Americans with Disabilities Act coordinator. "One of the biggest efforts we make at the city of Chandler is our work on sidewalk infrastructure."

The challenges Chandler's disabled citizens face in easily getting around the city, however, have been brought into the full light of public awareness by

The city of Chandler was recently recognized by WalletHub as one of the best places to live for people with disabilities.

Removing barriers to mobility is a priority for the city.

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Disabilities

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proactive programs designed especially for them. One of these is aimed at making city streets and curbs safe for and accessible to the disabled who have mobility issues.

"We not only invite citizens to call in and alert us to streets and curbs that need attention to accommodate disabled members of the community, we also operate a special staff which patrols the city and does the necessary repairs," Crampton said. It's the city's older sidewalks that need the most attention, he added.

"The newer sidewalks naturally need less attention than the older ones, where we might see a big slope or drop-off that wouldn't work for the disabled, or might even be dangerous—that's something we want to jump right on," Crampton said.

Part of his group's outreach is with other areas of city government whose activities affect Chandler's disabled.

"We also work with the parks and recreation people to accommodate our disabled citizens and improve their access there," noted Crampton. "And obviously we work closely with the city's traffic staff—even coordinating with them to make sure every intersection and crossing has functioning buttons that are in reach and work for them."

The coordinator reports that the city works within an ADA 20-year plan to enhance and improve disabled citizens' access to city resources and services.

"We work continually to do detailed analyses and update our efforts within the plan," Crampton said, "and it's this research and evaluation of our progress that has helped Chandler take the lead in serving citizens with different needs." Crampton hastened to add that an improvement in services to the disabled also positively impacts the needs of other segments of Chandler's population.

"These developments have improved the lives of our senior citizens, too," Crampton noted, "because many of them face issues of mobility and access to the same services."

Chandler's outreach to special populations is not just focused on city sidewalks and streets, though—its programs have been expanded into a wide range of services supervised by city staffer Collette Prather, who runs Chandler's therapeutic programs for the community's special needs and disabled children.

Serving such large numbers of kids makes huge demands on her time and energy, Prather said, but she insisted she's the recipient of the greatest reward.

"Believe me, these kids give back to me way more than I do for them," Prather declared, a little out of breath from a long day hosting parties and cleaning up in the aftermath. She believes kids like her young charges inspire her like no other group.

"For the most part, my kids are really upbeat, maybe more so than other people, because they don't feel the pressures of the world like we do—it's really refreshing."

Prather believes it's the parties and other stimulating activities that make the children's learning more effective.

"All these social activities, like outings in town—we call them 'Out and About'—and camping, cooking for other kids at Ronald McDonald House, visiting the zoo, fishing, kayaking, you name it," Prather said, "it all plays into them learning life tasks and getting adept at their social skills."

As far as the experience of special needs children in the public schools, Prather said she supports fully integrating them into the regular student population, a practice often-referred to as "mainstreaming."

"Inclusion, I think, is really important to these kids when they're in school," Prather asserted. "In that regard, they're just like every other child—they want to belong."

In this, Prather echoes the views of parents of special needs children like Emilio Torres's mother Denise Torres (see Page 14), who said one of her biggest challenges is convincing schools that special needs children should be fully integrated into the regular classroom.

"They just learn better that way, and are happier," Torres says.

"Moms like Denise have learned from experience that special needs kids progress faster when they're learning alongside their peers," Prather said, "and we hope someday that this will be the norm."

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Down syndrome boy finds acceptance among his peers



Denise Torres, with son Emilio and daughter Ivy, advocates mainstreaming and inclusion for those with disabilities. Emilio has Down syndrome. — Photo courtesy Torres family

By Sammie Ann Wicks

Denise Torres vividly remembers the day doctors told her baby might be born with Down syndrome.

“It was a big deal, no doubt about that, hearing my boy probably was going to be born with the Down issue,” said Torres, whose son Emilio is now 6. “I mean, after a baby is born, so many mothers are already in a kind of post-partum depression. And of course, I was unsure of what the future would hold, and how I’d be able to deal with it.”

Torres says during the course of her

pregnancy she and her doctors already had seen signs Emilio might have the syndrome.

“Before he was born we already had hints of this—he had a characteristic heartbeat, and other things,” Torres remembered adding his ultimately being born with Down features came as no surprise.

Down syndrome babies have an extra copy of their 21st chromosome which causes many of them to have distinct physical features and to develop physical and learning issues as they grow up.

But with time, as Emilio grew, started school, and began to interact with his peers, Torres said she came to realize what every parent or every teacher of a Down child comes to understand:

“You know, he’s just a kid, learning, interacting, being around other kids like other kids do,” Torres declared. “He’s just different—and in a way, the kids he’s around show more acceptance of him sometimes than adults.” Emilio’s size contributes to this, says Torres.

“Even though he’s 6, with his initial problems with eating because of heart problems, he’s just so tiny and loveable—the other kids realize there are some things he can’t do well, and are happy watching out for him—and they include him, like my daughter does.

“Torres’s 8-year-old daughter Ivy is always eager to help with Emilio’s care.

“I sometimes have to remind her that he’s not her little baby,” Torres laughed, “but I’m glad she’s around, and she helps me a lot.”

Born in Texas and going on to earn a master of science degree in electrical engineering at Kansas State University, Torres now works full time as an engineer with a local start-up firm. She hopes she’s a good role model for her daughter.

“I push my girl, I do, but I’ll always support her in whatever she wants to do. And in her way, she’s just as challenging as her brother—just in a different way,” Torres said.

Like Chandler’s Collette Prather, Torres hopes schools and school systems begin to work toward the complete inclusion of special needs children in regular classrooms.

“I do not think special needs kids should be put into a separate room,” Torres declared. “Kids learn from each other, and learn to socialize together. That’s where I want my child to be.

“So as parents of special kids, that’s one of our biggest challenges—finding a school or school system that understands that the inclusion of our children into the mainstream is better for everybody.”

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Healthy

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when they come back to me, we can see the trends and patterns and design a preventative plan based on that information. So self-monitoring is crucial.”

For the best health outcomes, Khumalo urges his patients to commit to the tried and true: proper diet and nutrition, exercise, and social interaction.

“We’re social animals,” he declared, “and to be truly healthy, we must be around our fellow human beings. This is SO important. Too many people, especially older people, don’t get out to socialize. They must make having a social network one of their priorities, whatever that network may be.”

Khumalo, a native of Zimbabwe, attended medical school in Russia, and came to the U.S. to do his internship and residencies in family and community medicine at the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque.

“In my country, those who aspired to be physicians had to compete greatly to be accepted into medical school,” Khumalo explained.

“So when I was accepted into the Russian school, I committed to it immediately, in spite of the language differences I knew I would face.”

That meant the young Zimbabwean had to tackle

not only the complexities of medical science, but a new culture and language.

“If you can imagine, I was studying all these incredibly complex scientific principles, but in a difficult language like Russian,” Khumalo noted, adding the Russians of the Soviet Union welcomed him as a Black Zimbabwean without any prejudice.

“With the fall of the Soviet Union, however, things changed some,” Khumalo says, “but I still enjoyed full and respectful friendships with a great many Russians.”

Like Khumalo, local fitness expert and gym owner Gerry Lee declares a proactive approach to health starts with the basics of nutrition, adequate rest, and what he calls “not taking your body for granted.”

Lee should know. After a lifetime of health and an active lifestyle, he received a medical diagnosis that would change his life forever.

“My doctors came in and told me I had multiple sclerosis, rolled in a wheelchair, and told me, ‘Here’s how you’re going to get around from here on out,’” Lee recalls.

“And I told them, ‘I’m sorry, but that’s just not gonna happen.’ And I started with one simple plan, and stuck to it.”

For Lee, that plan consisted of using whatever movement he had left, and persisting until he made

progress.

“Look. At that point, I couldn’t even feed myself,” Lee recalled. “So I thought, ‘Well, what CAN I do?’ And I looked down, and saw that I could move my index finger. So I kept moving that finger, and then gradually, I began to move other parts of my body.”

Lee’s next goal was to achieve what his doctors told him he never would do again: walk.

“I kept looking out the window at my mailbox, and made it my goal that I would eventually walk out and get my mail,” Lee says.

“That took me a year.”

Today, Lee has achieved nothing short of a miracle: He plays golf, rides motocross with his 20-year-old son, and now operates and teaches at his own Sebastien Lagree studio, Megafit, on N. 54th St. in West Chandler.

“I’m not completely sure what I did to get to this point,” Lee said.

“But since MS builds up plaques where the nerves give motion to the muscles, I think I may have developed new pathways around those points.”

An inspiration, surely. And to others who have faced their own seemingly insurmountable challenges, Lee offers his own life’s lesson:

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Socialize, exercise, eat well: Your road map to healthy living

As 2019 kicks into gear, Wrangler News interviewed primary care physician Matthew Khumalo about ways to stay healthy, then set out to find folks in our area who are doing just that. The Tempe St. Luke's-affiliated doc emphasized (clockwise from top left) the importance of social connectedness and interacting with others; participating in regular exercise, as did women working out at MegaFit in West Chandler; and seeking healthy meals, as demonstrated by this chef at Babbo Italian Eatery who finesses a salad with fresh ingredients. Our team met with Gerry Lee, fitness expert and owner of MegaFit studio, who overcame multiple sclerosis, and visited with members of Arizona Community Church in Tempe as they chatted with one another following Sunday morning services.

— Billy Hardiman for Wrangler News





Gold

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The senior Feldman didn't conclusively find the entrance to Jacob Waltz's elusive 1800's-era claim in the Superstition wilderness, though his Mammoth Mine is considered a candidate. But he did found a successful riding business, the O.K. Corral Horse Stables, in Apache Junction, on the picturesque edge of Lost Dutchman country.

Ron and wife Jayne also raised two sons in whom he instilled his fascination with prospecting for gold treasure. Josh and Jesse have turned their fixation into a "reality TV" career: for three seasons they were part of the cast of Animal Planet's *Ice Cold Gold*, struggling to find the metal in the frozen wilds of Greenland.

"Greenland's on hold, my friend," says the recently married Josh. "We hit Greenland hard for

three years, but we felt like we'd done as much as we could do."

Instead, coming to Tempe and Chandler TV screens, among a wide assortment of others around the country on Jan. 14, is the premiere episode of the new Travel Channel series *Lost Gold*, in which the brothers hunt for historical treasures that have gone missing.

"The show is history first," Josh says firmly. "We head out, we chase these stories from the Old West—any story that could involve gold. There are thousands of these lost gold stories; stagecoach robberies, lost mines, robberies gone bad."

Feldman is reluctant to give too much away about the new show, but he does offer an example: An episode is devoted to Milton Sharp, a bandit who roamed California and Nevada in the 19th Century.

"That was a stage robbery that went wrong," says Feldman of the haul from an 1880 Wells Fargo

Express stick-up. Sharp spent years in jail—in between numerous escape attempts, one of which kept him at large for years—refusing to divulge where he had hidden the booty from his many robberies.

The Feldman brothers will try to figure out Milton's secrets. Other episodes are slated to explore lost gold on the Oregon Trail and at the Little Bighorn.

"Jesse and I will take the audience through a lot of history," promises Josh.

Of course, Josh and Jesse wouldn't mind a bit if they turned up some literal gold while teaching their history lessons. But in another sense, they seem almost to regard the history itself, the legends and the truth behind them, as the precious treasure in need of seeking out, and of preserving.

"We don't want any history to get lost," says Josh. "To find the loot *and* preserve the history, it doesn't get any better than that."

Tempe budget priorities can be viewed at forum, online

The city of Tempe will hold public meetings and host an online forum to inform community members about projections for the city's operating and capital budgets, and to hear the community's priorities for the 2019-20 fiscal year and beyond.

A public forum will be held 6-8 p.m. Wednesday,

Feb. 20, at the Tempe History Museum, 809 E. Southern Ave.

Community members also are invited to submit ideas and feedback via Tempe Forum, the city's online input tool.

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For updated details on the formulation of budgets for the 2019-20 fiscal year, information presented at the public forum, as well as scheduled public meetings, visit tempe.gov/BudgetPlan.

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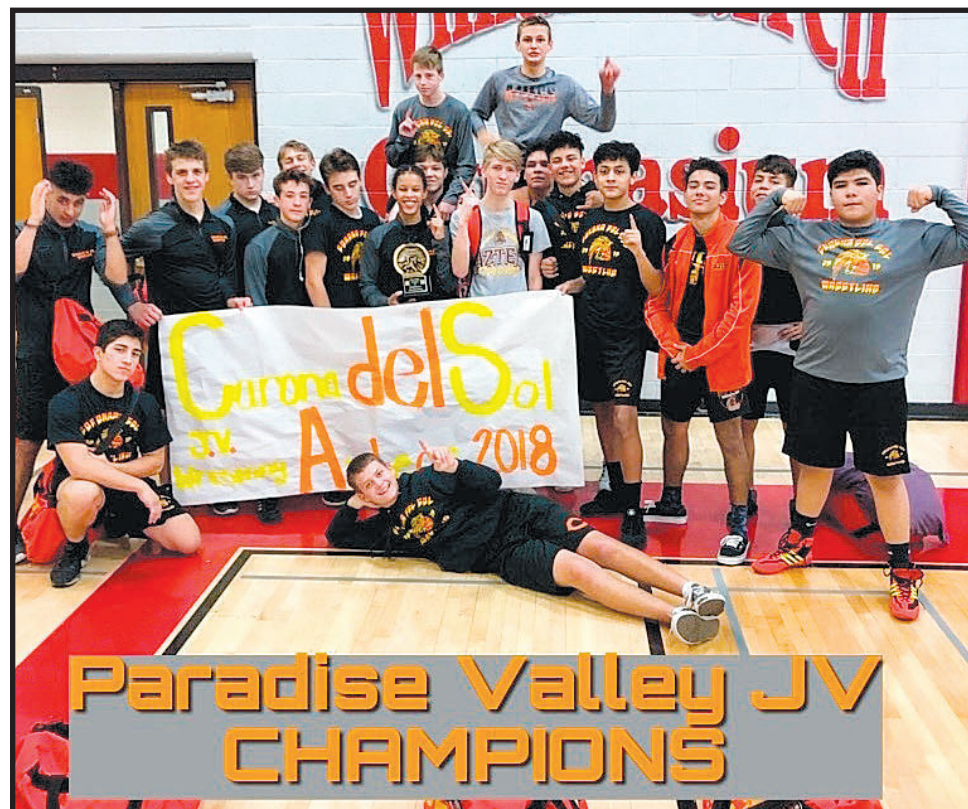
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Sports

with Alex Zener



Corona's freshman and JV team brought home the championship trophy from the Paradise Valley JV Duals after winning all five matches on Dec. 15. Team members include Ryan Myrick, Sierrah Thrun, Gavin Dominguez, Reven Romero-Huggins, Hunter Wells, Anthony Garcia, Gavin Kelley, David Hunt, Austin Lightfoot, Thai Lowe, Francisco Vasquez, Lorcan Kelleher, Carlos Mendoza, Jacob Attridge, Drew Nicolson, Evan Kallal, Nathan Woods, Joseph Wallace-Hernandez, Jaden Castro, and Dalen Dawahoya.

— Photo courtesy Jimmy Martinez

AZTEC WRESTLERS REBUILDING UNDERCLASSMEN FACE CHALLENGE FOLLOWING DEPARTURE OF SENIORS

After winning the 2017 AIA Division I State Championship and then finishing fourth in 2018, the Aztec wrestling program, with only five returning starters, started this season in a rebuilding mode.

"This year is going to be very different from past years," said coach **Jimmy Martinez**. "Our team will be dominated by underclassmen with very limited varsity experience due to the graduation of a large number of experienced upperclassmen the past two years."



Alex Zener

Corona lost to graduation five wrestlers who competed at state: **Bradley Buchholz, Armando Arellano, Jacob Garcia, Jacob Santa Cruz** and

Santiago Pesquera.

"Jacob Garcia and Armando Arellano both placed fourth at the state championship while Jacob Santa Cruz was sixth," said Martinez. "We also had two wrestlers, state champion Bryce

Nickel and state entrant Tanner Mendoza, transfer.”

The returning starters from last season, **Anthony Gonzales, Matt Gable, Zack Kvavle, Michael Orr** and **Roan Kelleher**, in addition to working on their own skills development, will be counted on to set examples and provide leadership to Corona’s young varsity wrestlers.

“All of our returning wrestlers should have successful regular seasons and have a good chance to place at the state tournament,” said Martinez.

“Zack, wrestling last season in the 113 lb. weight category, was awarded a second-place medal after wrestling in the championship match,” said Martinez.

The other three returning wrestlers all qualified and participated in last season’s state meet: Gonzales, in the 106 lb. weight category; Orr, in the 126 lb. category; and Kelleher, in the 160 lb. weight category.

Martinez is predicting that two wrestlers new to the varsity team may also have a successful season.

“I think we will see **Shane Aguarin** emerge from the JV team to have a great deal of success,” said Martinez. “**Kevin Beltran-Benitez** is someone we, as coaches, anticipate maturing as a senior to challenge for a spot at the state tournament.”

The Aztecs have less than a month to get their young wrestlers experienced and strong enough in order to compete for a chance to wrestle at the state championship match when the sectionals are held

Feb. 2 at Desert Vista.

Corona, as part of Section III, will be competing against wrestlers for a spot in the Division I state championship tournament, in the 14 weight categories from Desert Ridge, Desert Vista, Highland, Mountain Pointe, Queen Creek, Shadow Ridge and Valley Vista.

Any wrestlers who qualify, based on the sectional results, for the state championship tournament will then have to compete against the top teams in Arizona including defending state champion Sunnyside and other perennial favorites Cibola, Chandler, Liberty and Desert Vista at the Division I State Championship matches held Feb. 8-9 at the Prescott Valley Event Center.

“This year will be a test for our team and the coaching staff to bring our new and upcoming wrestlers to a competitive level before the sectionals,” said Martinez. “It will be a great opportunity for our team to learn from mistakes and become competitive, these next few weeks, so we can put our best effort forward and do the best we can to qualify and be successful at the state championship level.”

It appears Corona does have a strong freshman/JV team currently experience and waiting in the wings for their turn next season.

The Aztecs went 5-0 to claim the championship trophy at the Paradise Valley JV Duals on Dec. 15.

“Our younger wrestlers did an awesome job at the

Paradise Valley Duals,” said Martinez. “They brought home the team traveling trophy to keep until the duals next season.”

The Aztecs have a match at Shadow Ridge High School, Jan. 10, against Shadow Ridge, Alhambra and Red Mountain.

Corona will also be competing in the Peoria Wrestling Invitational Tournament of Champions Jan. 11 at Peoria High School.

The team’s last two chances to get more competitive wrestling experience before sectionals will be at Tucson High School on Jan. 16 and then against Desert Vista at home on Jan. 24.

Marcos de Niza Wrestling

Marcos de Niza, which took fifth place out of 43 teams in the Division III state wrestling championships last season, returned five state tournament wrestlers to its team this season but lost five seniors to graduation, four of them who had a tremendous impact on the team’s success.

The Padres lost three seniors who were crowned Division III champions last season and one who placed in the top six.

Alex Torres, who had a 59-0 record entering the state tournament, never lost a match on his way to the championship spot on the podium in the 160-lb. weight category.

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His brother, **Andrew Torres**, had a 57-1 record before the state match. He was crowned the 170-lb. champion.

Hamza Manassra was crowned the 220-lb. champion after entering the state tournament with a 51-6 record.

Trequan Johnson placed sixth at the state tournament after entering the tournament with a 46-9 record in the 182-lb. weight category while **Jose Figueroa** wrestled at state for the Padres in the 152 lb. weight category.

Returning state tournament qualifiers from last season who should be returning include sophomore **Gavin Gonzales**, juniors **Zach Martinez** and **Jacob Navarrette** and seniors **Malik Shuaibe-Jones** and **Rafael Cabrera**.

Shuaibe-Jones, who had a 45-9 record entering the 2018 state tournament, finished fourth in the 120 lb. weight category.

The Padres will be competing Jan. 16 at the American Leadership Academy against Queen Creek and Tempe high schools and then, Jan. 18, at the Flowing Wells Invitational.

Their last two chances to prepare for the Division III sectionals, which will be held Feb. 2 at Youngker High School in Buckeye, will be Jan. 23 at Greenway High School and Jan. 30 at Mesquite High School.

Aztec Lacrosse

Unlike high school sports on the east coast, lacrosse is not a sanctioned Arizona Interscholastic Association sport but the sport has continued to grow as a club team linked with local Arizona high schools over the past 10-15 years.

The Aztec Lacrosse Club, associated with Corona del Sol since 2003, started their varsity team pre-season practice on Jan. 7, in preparation for the Arizona Lacrosse League regular season which start the week of Feb. 26.

Bob Holland is the new head coach of the varsity team, along with being the leader of the Aztec lacrosse program.

Holland has several years of athletic and academic experience related to playing and coaching lacrosse that he is excited to share with local players and parents.

In his youth, Holland played lacrosse, on a full-ride scholarship, at the University of Maryland. From 1975-79, he played defense and long-stick midfielder for the Terps, who were Division I NCAA national champions his freshman season, in 1975, and NCAA finalists his last three years.

Holland graduated Magna Cum Laude from UoM, where he also won five academic and leadership honorary awards.

Before moving to Arizona, Holland lived in the Seattle area, where he coached middle school and

high school athletes for the past 13 years.

Holland continues to be an active University of Maryland alumnus, helping run a mentoring program that helps current lacrosse players prepare for post-graduate careers, especially in the medical field.

He started helping lacrosse players prepare for job interviews and later identified student athletes who might be interested in a medical internship about 10 years ago when he worked at General Electric Healthcare.

The Aztec varsity team competes in Division I of the Arizona Lacrosse League, along with 11 other teams in the Phoenix area, including Arcadia, Boulder Creek, Brophy, Chandler, Chaparral, Desert Vista, Gilbert, Glendale, Mountain Ridge, Notre Dame Prep and Pinnacle, plus Salpointe, a team from Tucson. The Aztec Lacrosse Club also has a junior varsity team that currently competes with 16 other Arizona Lacrosse League teams in Arizona.

Lacrosse, one of the fastest growing team sports in the United States, is a fun method to help kids of all ages develop strong, athletic bodies and to think quickly on their feet.

The Aztec Lacrosse Club offers lessons and youth teams starting from age eight and up.

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Jan. 15 hearing on changes to zoning for guest quarters

To preserve the character of Tempe's older neighborhoods and to provide people with more housing options, the city of Tempe is considering changes within the Zoning and Development Code, making it easier to add a

small dwelling unit to qualifying properties.

These changes would make it easier for people living in single family homes to add one small building called an Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU,) if they have a

property zoned for multi-family (multiple dwellings on a lot,) for properties zoned R-2, R-3R, R-3, R-4 or R-5. Regulations for guest quarters would also be amended, reducing the property size required to allow a guest quarters from 15,000 sq ft to a 10,000 sq ft. minimum lot.

Many of Tempe's houses are older and in keeping with the style of the time when they were built, are smaller homes on larger lots. Today, people often want larger living spaces. These additional buildings can become home offices, "she sheds" or affordable long-term rentals. They are frequently used for aging parents and adult children returning home.

Since ADUs are located on property zoned for multi-family dwelling and only one building of less than 800 sq ft would be allowed, these changes could discourage razing the existing home in favor of apartment complexes. This could help

safeguard the character of a neighborhood.

The ADU would be allowed up to 800 sq ft livable area and have no more than two bedrooms. These buildings must still comply with zoning setbacks and height requirements.

A public meeting to discuss these proposed changes will take place at 6 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 15 at Westside Multi-Generational Center, 715 W. Fifth St. Those who cannot go to the meeting may also comment on Tempe Forum.

Proposed ordinance changes would go to a future February Development Review Commission hearing, then to Tempe City Council in March.

For additional information about ADUs or guest quarters, contact Deputy Community Development Planning Director Ryan Levesque at ryan_levesque@tempe.gov.

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Diversions

Marcos grad, mom share theatrical talent, partnership in updated 'Disaster' parody

By M.V. Moorhead

If you, like me, retain affection for both the pop music and the disaster movies of the '70s, the next production at Desert Stages should hold a lot of appeal for you.

Set on a "floating casino" beset with apocalyptic catastrophe, *Disaster!* is a parody of the *Poseidon Adventure*/*Towering Inferno*/*Earthquake* genre, and also a "jukebox musical" showcasing dozens of tunes of that decade, made famous by artists ranging from Chicago to Stevie Wonder to Donna Summer.

The production, which opened Jan. 11 and runs through Feb. 9, also features a performance by a Marcos de Niza grad and ASU student, Luke Ottinger, in one of the lead roles, supported by his mom, Becky Ottinger, in the show's ensemble.

"When I heard about the show, I just thought the idea was hilarious," says Becky Ottinger, explaining her decision to audition.

The Knoxville, Tenn. native is heard weekdays on KTAR as a newscaster (under the name "Becky Lynn"), and is a busy local actress in TV and film as well.

But when her friend Gary Crumm, the director of *Disaster!* (and the father of actor Max Crumm, who appeared in *Disaster!* on Broadway) explained the show to her, she concluded it was time to return to live stage work for the first time in many years.

"It's not that I haven't wanted to [do theater]," says Becky. "It's the time

involved. You've got to commit to the rehearsal period; you've got to commit to the performance period." But when Crumm approached her about *Disaster!*, she decided to make the commitment, in part, perhaps, because the show would allow her to dance.

"Gary said, there's a tap number," says Becky, "So I get to pull out my tap shoes."

She also gets to work with son Luke Ottinger, who plays the juicy lead role of Ted Scheider.

"My character is a scientist," explains Luke, "who has devoted himself to learning as much as he can about disasters, and saving as many lives as possible."

Along the way, our hero gets to sing numerous '70s standards, including "Hooked on a Feeling" and "25 or 6 to 4."

A music major at ASU, Luke is quite comfortable among songs that were on the charts years before he was born: "My parents raised me on '70s music."

His favorite, he admits, is his brief rendition of Chicago's 1970 "25 or 6 to 4." But when asked how that curious lyric makes sense in the context of a disaster story, Luke coyly replies, "I think it would be fun to let people come and see the show, and see how that would fit in."

Disaster! opened Jan. 11 at Scottsdale Desert Stages Theatre at Fashion Square, 7014 E. Camelback Road, Suite 0586 in Scottsdale.

For tickets and details call 480-483-1664 or go to desertstages.org.

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Leadership-building initiative fosters support for Compadre music

Students at Compadre Academy may soon have a song in their hearts if Tempe Leadership Class XXXIV has its way.

The Tempe organization, which forms budding leaders in the community, will host a casino-night and silent-auction fundraiser Saturday, Feb. 16, to help establish and furnish a music room on the Compadre campus.

A Title I, non-traditional school, Compadre specializes in dropout prevention and is geared toward students who have been unable to progress at their home schools or who are pregnant or parenting.

Research has found that studying music alters teen brains in a way that makes them better able to focus and process sound.

Analysis has shown that students engaged in music programs outperformed their peers on every indicator: grade-point average, graduation rate, ACT scores, attendance and discipline referrals.

Organizers say that through the beauty of music, the room at Compadre will provide a welcoming

learning environment, a safe place for students to gather and support the school's goal of increasing student engagement.

Kris Cartwright of United Brokers group is a member of the event committee.

"Our silent auction will be an exciting component of the event and it's a wonderful marketing opportunity for businesses that partner with us," Cartwright said.

Donations to Tempe Leadership for the event are tax-deductible, Cartwright said, and donors will be provided with documentation. Donations are needed no later than Saturday, Feb. 9.

The Mission 4 Music casino night and silent auction will be held at F.A.B.R.I.C., 132 E. 6th St. in Tempe.

Tickets are \$50 and include admission, hors d'oeuvres, two drink tickets and \$50 worth of poker chips. To purchase tickets: <https://bit.ly/2Fe64Bs>.

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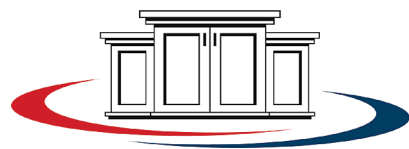
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Kiwanis to feature auto-world classics

Kiwanis Park will be the site of Kiwanis Nuevo Club of Tempe's 15th annual Catch-a-Wave Car Show, scheduled from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, March 16.

On display will be 20 classes of classic, antique and specialty vehicles valued cumulatively at \$12 million.

Club members sponsor the event, income from which benefits Salvation Army, Arizona Special Olympics and Boys & Girls clubs, and provides

scholarships to outstanding middle- and high-school students.

Car show registration of \$20-\$35 can be paid at the gate.

Admission is free to the public.

Information: 480-345-1401 or online at kiwanisnuevo.org.

Memory issues on Monday agenda

Caregivers and those living with memory loss can meet with others experiencing the same issues at Tempe's Memory Café held at Tempe Public Library, 3500 S. Rural Road, every Monday, 9:30 a.m. to noon (closed major holidays).

Meetings are held in the TLC room located on

the library's lower level. A professional who is knowledgeable about a variety of conditions that affect memory and thinking, including Alzheimer's disease, is available to answer questions, provide education and supportive ideas.

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January Zero Waste Day

Tempe's Zero Waste Day on Saturday, Jan 26, from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m., at Kiwanis Park, 6111 S. All-America Way is your chance to recycle your household hazardous waste as well as electronics, appliances, automobile tires, scrap metal and clothing in any condition.

Toys, cooking accessories, home décor and sports equipment must be in good condition.

We cannot accept building supplies, food donations, plastic bags, trash, mattresses or Styrofoam.

For a complete list, visit tempe.gov/SMART.



Tempe encourages live music scene

Tempe has a storied history of legendary bands and live music venues, as well as an abundance of current, successful performers.

In an effort to encourage more live music at Tempe businesses, the City Council recently approved a temporarily reduced fee for live music use permits – from \$1,331 to \$200 until March.

The idea came out of a City Council working group chaired by Councilmember Joel Navarro.

By reducing the cost of the one-time use permit, it's hoped that more businesses will hire more musicians and offer more entertainment.

"A reduced rate could incentivize them to bring in a Friday night band or a guitarist for Sunday brunch," said Navarro.

"Not only does this help artists hone their craft and succeed financially, but it also creates a reason for



people to patronize a business. It's both creative and economic development."

Businesses interested in applying can do so at tempe.gov/LiveMusicPermit or at the city's Community Development Department office, in the garden level of City Hall, 31 E. Fifth St.

Tempe to hold a compassionate, informative Opioid Town Hall

Opioid addiction is a national crisis that affects us all.

Tempe is taking important strides to help people in our community through technology, advocacy and partnerships with schools, hospitals and healthcare providers.

Tempe City Councilmember Joel Navarro will lead a first-ever Opioid Town Hall from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Feb. 2, at the Tempe History Museum, 809 E. Southern Ave.

Learn about Tempe's research with Arizona State University, how data about opioid-related calls for service helps firefighters better use their resources, and meet healthcare workers and emergency responders who help people battling addiction.

Navarro, who also is a Phoenix Firefighter, has contributed his knowledge about opioid addiction to Tempe's longstanding efforts to address the issue. If someone you love is battling addiction, this will be a safe space to get resources to help.

For more information about this community event, visit tempe.gov/opioids.

Chat with Councilmembers

Members of your Tempe City Council want to hear what you have to say. There are opportunities in the coming weeks to visit with them at their informal events throughout the city.

Join Jennifer

Councilmember Jennifer Adams is hosting a quarterly conversation series and its first stop is in south Tempe. "Join Jennifer" is a casual conversation geared toward community members' ideas and feedback. Join in on Wednesday, Jan. 16, from 6-7 p.m. at Tempe Public Market Café, 8749 S. Rural Road. Each event will be held in a different Tempe zip code.

Connecting with Kuby

Join Vice Mayor Lauren Kuby at Connections Café at the Tempe Public Library, 3500 S. Rural Road, the last Saturday of each month from 1-3 p.m. Have a beverage and talk about any issues or input you would like to share. Kuby will be there on Jan. 26, Feb. 23 and March 30.

Roundtable with Randy and Robin

Join Councilmembers Randy Keating and Robin Arredondo-Savage at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 19, for a chance to talk about everything you love about your community and any issues that you want to explore.

The meetup will be at The Lakes Community Room, 5501 S. Lakeshore Drive.

Information about Tempe City Councilmembers is at tempe.gov/elected.

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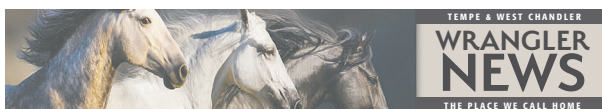
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New school produces surprise, excitement

Nevitt Elementary takes students on a journey to the future

Story & photo by Robyn Martinez

Nevitt Elementary students, staff, and parents were in for a big surprise Monday morning after winter break when they were welcomed into a brand new school building.

The building was greeted with happy cheers, and

excited eyes scanning the building walls that display motivating phrases such as “You are the future...be remarkable!” and “Think like a proton, always be positive!”

“I’m really excited to have all of our students back to see the school as we’ve watched it grow into this beautiful building,” said Nevitt Elementary Principal Vernice Sharpe. “Our parents and students are thrilled that this school has been built in their community.”

For the previous ten months, Nevitt Elementary, a part of the Tempe Elementary School District, has been under construction. The two-story new building includes state-of-the-art classrooms, natural daylight and LED lighting throughout, more centralized parent and community gathering areas, and an outdoor learning area designed by Nevitt students.

Concord General Contractors integrated hands-on learning for students during the building period through special construction-day events. During that time, each student took turns rotating through various stations to learn about elements of construction like irrigation systems, pavers, and power tools that were used to build the new school.

Parent Coralima Guzman has a kindergartner currently attending Nevitt and she is excited that her son gets to attend the next five years in the new school building.

“Just the fact that he gets to grow with the school makes me feel wonderful,” said Guzman. “I wish they offered up to eighth-grade.”

The rebuild also includes a new administration and a learning commons building, where the school’s library and computer technology lab is held along with a new bus- and student- drop off

area with longer queuing areas and more parking opportunities.

“I only see great things ahead,” said Sharpe. “Nevitt is such a fabulous place to be anyway, but with this brand new building I think we will have a brand new approach to everything that we do, especially providing the best learning opportunities.”

Nevitt Elementary will continue their rebuild into the second and third phase of construction with a completion date set for August 2019.

Nevitt Elementary is being rebuilt thanks to Tempe voters who authorized the 2016 Bond.



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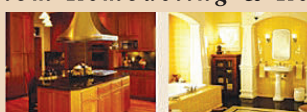
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Online registration comes to Kyrene

Kyrene district parents received a piece of welcome news this month when it came time to register their children for a new season of classroom learning: Enrollment is now available online, not requiring a personal appearance or waiting in line.

Erin Helm, the district's director of communications and marketing, says a new online registration portal, ParentVUE, now gives parents and guardians the flexibility to upload registration documents and enroll students from the convenience of home.

She also noted that families interested in enrolling children in a school outside their home school boundary using the open enrollment process can select their school of choice through the same method.

Open enrollment, which must be approved before registration is considered final, is made possible by Kyrene board policy, details of which are available at kyrene.org/enrollonline.

What school will my child attend

Under registration guidelines, students are assigned to a home school according to their street address. To determine which school a child will attend, parents are advised to enter the child's address into Kyrene's E-Link system. The system will identify the

home school, and whether the child walks or rides a bus.

Parents also can visit the school in their neighborhood, or the school at which they have been accepted through the open enrollment process, and bring a completed packet of registration paperwork along with the child's original or certified birth certificate; immunization records; proof of residency such as a current utility bill, lease agreement; contract on the family residence; or a government-issued photo I.D. of the parent or guardian.

For those living outside a school's boundaries, online registration for any new student will be flagged as an open enrollment application. Open enrollment must be approved before registration is considered final. Families will be notified of open enrollment status between Feb. 18 and March 8.

Current students who are continuing with the same school will only need to verify enrollment through the portal.

Records from a previous school, such as report cards, test scores, gifted-education placement scores, special education records and other documents, can be helpful for determining class placement, according to district officials.

Free hydrate workshops at Tempe Public Library

Rain, rain, go away—or not. Tempe residents will get an earful at a series of Wednesday-evening workshops at Tempe Public Library addressing native plants, rain harvesting and greywater recycling.

Those who attend will discover how to harvest rain, grow a garden full of native plants and how their laundry water can be recycled for use in their yard.

The series of presentations is the result of collaboration between Tempe Public Library and Watershed Management Group in an effort to hydrate Tempe.

Residents are invited to take part in one or all the upcoming workshops and get the tools they need to keep their landscape hydrated while conserving water. Each presentation includes a mini-project to create an action plan for the home.

On Jan. 16, the topic is how to hydrate food. Attendees will learn how to use rain tanks as an active form of rainwater harvesting to nourish their vegetable and herb gardens.

The Jan. 23 presentation will teach how to assess residents' soil type and how to use household wastes to build soil health. On Jan. 30 "Hydrate with Greywater" will demonstrate how to use a laundry-to-landscape system to recycle greywater for use in the yard and to reduce water usage.

All workshops are free and held from 6-7:30 p.m. at Tempe Public Library, 3500 S. Rural Road, Meeting Room A (lower level). Registration is not required.

Information: watershedmg.org/learn/classes/hydrate.



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Parkside Estates	3580 W. Kent Dr, Chandler, 85226	2,433	4 / 2	\$450,000
Tempe Royal Palms	2008 E. Orion St, Tempe, 85283	2,356	4 / 2	\$395,000
Warner Ranch	6383 W. Dublin Ln, Chandler, 85226	3,294	5 / 3	\$480,000
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